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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 17th instant, at Two o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1875.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JAMES GREEN,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 17th instant, (both days included,) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

#### NOTICE.

FROM this date and until further notice, Mr. G. DE CHAMPAUL will act, at this Port, as Agent of the above Company, By Order of the Directors,  
C. BERTRAND.

Hongkong, January 23, 1876.

#### NOTICE.

MR. OTTO GRABE has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from 1st January, 1876. E. MEYER & Co.

Tientsin, January 1876.

#### NOTICE.

WE have established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Hanoi. Mr. E. CONSTANT is authorized to sign by procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

#### NOTICE.

MR. D. SASSOON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 1st January ultimo.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

#### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into a Partnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Shipbrokers at this Port, under the style of Morris & Ray.

A. G. MORRIS,

Bank Buildings,

Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

#### NOTICE.

HAVING resigned my situation in the H. YUEN FAR HONG, I have this day established myself as Merchant and Commission Agent under the style of Sun Ghee & Co.

C. SUN GHEE,

Hongkong, November 11, 1875.

#### NOTICE.

THE Partnership, hitherto existing between JOSEPH THOMAS and JOHN ANDREW MAITLAND, under the style of Thorne Brothers & Co., is this day dissolved by effusion of time; either partner is authorized to sign the firm in liquidation.

THORNE BROTHERS & Co.

Dec. 31, 1875.

#### NOTICE.

WITH reference to the above, the Business of the late Firm of Thorne Brothers & Co. will be conducted in future by the Undersigned, under the style of MAITLAND & Co., and Mr. John Graham PURDON is authorized to sign the firm.

J. A. MAITLAND,

Shanghai, Jan. 1, 1876.

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Our Firm and business at Hongkong, Foochow, and Canton, will be carried on as heretofore, the interest and responsibility of Mr. JOHN G. PURDON remaining therein unchanged.

PURDON & Co.

China, Jan. 1, 1876.

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A. L. Persons having CLAIMS against the above, should be attended to by the Undersigned, and all Persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

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#### Intimations.

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#### Auctions.

MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, the 9th February, 1876, at 2 o'clock p.m., at Stanley Barracks.

#### IN LOTS.

The Materials of the Buildings situated on the Military Cantonment, as they now stand, with the exception of the foundations and retaining walls.

The purchasers will be required to clear and remove from the ground the rubbish on each lot.

The lots may now be viewed, and full particulars obtained, application at the Control Reserve Stores, Queen's Road, East, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17.

C. R. SHERVINTON,  
Lieut. Colonel,  
Assistant Controller,  
Control Office,  
Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1876.

RECOGNITION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF  
30TH APRIL, 1862.

#### Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREES OF  
7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1848.

BY IMPERIAL DECREES OF 26TH JULY, 1854,  
AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognized by the  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF  
30TH APRIL, 1862.

#### FRANCE & STERLING.

PAID-UP CAPITAL... 80,000,000 3,200,000  
RESERVE FUND... 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.  
LONDON AGENT.—144, Leadenhall St.,  
E.C.

AGENTS.—At Nantes, Lyons, Mar-  
seilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta,  
St. Denis (Île de la Réunion), Hong-  
kong, Shanghai and Yokohama.  
LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England,  
Union Bank of London.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 3rd to  
the 17th February Next, both days in-  
cluded.

JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.,  
General Managers,  
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Seventh Ordinary MEETING of  
Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of FRIDAY, the 18th February Next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

CHR. DR. GUIGNE,  
Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings,  
Queen's Road.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL... 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND... 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—AD. ANDRE, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—E. R. BELLIOS, Esq.  
J. F. CORDES, Esq.  
S. W. POMERAY, Esq.  
H. HOFFMANN, Esq.  
A. MOLYNEUX, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, JAMES GREEN, Esq.

Manager.

Shanghai, E. W. CAMBON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County  
Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate  
of 2 per cent, per annum on the  
monthly and quarterly balances, and on Fixed  
Deposits at rates which may be ascertained  
at the offices.

## Notices to Consignees.

S. S. ARGYLL,  
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
Steamer are hereby informed that  
their Goods are being landed at their risk  
by the Undersigned and stored at their  
Godowns, whence and from the Wharf and  
or Boat delivery may be obtained.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
11th instant will be subject to rent.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Hongkong, February 4, 1876.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP "CROCUS"  
Joy, Master, FROM LONDON VIA  
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
Steamer are hereby informed that  
their Goods are being landed and stored at  
their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned,  
from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take their Goods  
from the boats alongside the Wharf, are at  
liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 11th  
February will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary is given until 12  
o'clock on the 1st February.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
W.M. PUSTAU & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 31, 1876.

BRITISH BARK MARINA,  
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
named Vessel are requested to send  
in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
for countersignature, and to take immediate  
delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees  
risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1876.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Hindostan, Captain T. S.  
GARDNER, having arrived from the  
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her  
are requested to send in their Bills of  
Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature  
and to take immediate delivery of  
their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at  
once landed and stored at their risk and  
expense.

DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1876.

FROM LIVERPOOL, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Russian Steamer "Batrak" having  
arrived from the above ports, Consignees  
of Cargo by her are requested to send in  
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
for countersignature, and to take immediate  
delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at  
once landed and stored at their risk and  
expense.

W.M. PUSTAU & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 8, 1876.

BRITISH SHIP GRYFE, FROM  
LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
named Vessel are hereby requested to  
send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
for countersignature, and to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees  
risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

BRITISH BARK GOLDSTREAM,  
FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
named Vessel are hereby requested to  
send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
for countersignature, and to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees  
risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 18, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo  
are requested to send in their Bills of  
Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature,  
and to take immediate delivery.  
This Cargo has been landed and stored at  
their risk and expense.

## No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMFRAUX,  
Acting Agent.

## Ex Donau, November 22, 1875.

## FD. 1/85 55 cases Beer.

Ex Iravaddi, November 22, 1875.

AB. No. 5 1 case Merchandise.

Ex Andam, January 16, 1876.

HM. 100 bales Cotton.

Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

## FOR SALE.

## TAKASIMA COALIERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.

## FOR SALE.

FRESH Tatami COAL, in lots to  
suit purchasers. Large Handpicks,  
Double-sifted at 40 per Ton. SMALL  
14 per cent. discount on 20 cases.

## T. G. GLOVER.

No. 7, Queen's Road, at East Point,  
Hongkong, December 5, 1876.

DUC DE MONTEBELLO GARTIN  
BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE.

Quart. \$18 per case (1 dozen).

## Pinta. \$18 " (2).

4 per cent. discount on 20 cases.

## Bourbon WHISKY.

## 12 per case (1 dozen).

## FOR SALE.

## HEARD &amp; Co.

Hongkong, Feb. 26, 1876.

## For Sale.

## FOR SALE.

BARTIN'S PATENT  
COMPOSITION PAINT,  
For Ships' Bottoms.

SOLE Agents for China,  
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.

Hongkong, January 6, 1876.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR AMOY AND SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "YANGTZE",  
Master, will be despatched for the above Ports  
TO-MORROW, Tuesday, the 8th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Hongkong, February 7, 1876.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI AND  
TAKAO.

The Steamship "LEONOR",  
Captain Diaz, will be despatched  
for the above Ports on WEDNES-  
DAY, the 9th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,  
Hongkong, February 7, 1876.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIIGO  
AND YOKOHAMA.

The Russian Steamer "BATRAK",  
will leave for the above Port  
on THURSDAY Next, 10th  
Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
LANDSTEIN & Co.,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 7, 1876.

FOR COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND  
MELBOURNE.

The Eastern and Australian  
Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer  
"BOWEN",

Captain S. Park, will be  
despatched as above on MONDAY, the  
14th instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBR, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Hongkong, February 7, 1876.

FOR LIVERPOOL, PENANG AND  
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WANTED.

A CAPTAIN FOR STEAM-TUG "FAME",  
Apply to the Secretary, Hongkong  
and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 7, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of the  
late Mr. SIDNEY DEACON in our Firm,  
ceased on the 8th September last.

Mr. ALFRED T. DUVAL was admitted a  
Partner therein on the 1st ultimo.

Canton, February 1, 1876.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 5, Cassandra, German steamer, 247,  
H. Langard, Bangkok Jan. 28, Rice.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Feb. 6, Yangtze from Canton.

Feb. 6, Priam, British steamer, 1872,  
S. H. Butler, Shanghai Feb. 3, General.

BURTIERRE & SWIRE.

Feb. 6, Anday, French steamer, 3660,  
De Butler, Shanghai Feb. 4, Mails and  
General—MESSAGERIES MARITIME.

Feb. 6, Chento, Chinese gunboat, 218,  
Geo. Robertson, Swatow Feb. 5.

Feb. 6, Leonor, Spanish steamer, 408,  
L. Diaz, Amoy Feb. 4, Coal and General.

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Feb. 6, Batra, Russian steamer, 550,  
G. J. Zoff, Liverpool Oct. 17, Singapore

Jan. 25, General—LANDERON & Co.

Feb. 6, City of Peking, American steamer,  
5,073, Z. L. Jaeger, San Francisco Jan. 7,  
and Yokohama Feb. 4, Mails and General.

P. M. S. Co.

Feb. 6, Entrepot, British steamer, 676,  
L. H. Hubbard, Saigon Jan. 31, Rice.

Feb. 6, Leonor, Spanish steamer, 408, L.  
Diaz, Amoy Feb. 4, Coal and General.

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Feb. 6, Tatami, British steamer, 768,  
Power, Saigon Feb. 2 (6 a.m.), Rice.

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Feb. 7, Thales, Brit. steamer, 850, Coal.

Bangkok Jan. 30, Rice.—DUCORAS LAFRAIK

& CO.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 6, Yangtze, for Swatow.

6. Djennah, for Shanghai.

8. Douglas, for Swatow, etc.

7. Wain, for Haiphong.

7. U. H. Jones, for Tientsin.

8. C. H. B. Jones, for Tientsin.

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the maximum was 61.0, the minimum 45.5. 0.04 inch of rain fell.

Rice Cargoes from Saigon to Hongkong:—  
Jan. 22, *Lotus*, 40,000 piculs; 22, *Asia*, 20,000 piculs; 23, *Ly-moon*, 10,000 piculs; 24, *City of Exeter*, 20,000 piculs; 24, *Nemus*, 22,000 piculs; 25, *Ocean*, 26,000 piculs.

A fire occurred on Saturday morning in one of the houses known as Jardine's Bazaar, but was speedily got under by the neighbours, with buckets of water. The fire originated in the cook-house, where there was a quantity of matsbags stored. Jardine's engine was got into position, but luckily was not required.

The following notice to mariners, received from the Brisbane Port-Master, is published in Saturday's *Gazette*:—“Torres Straits:—A rock, awash at low water, is reported by Captain Duffield to exist in latitude 10° 30' S., longitude 142° 50' E. A sandbank, on which there is a Béche-de-mer Station, is reported by Captain Hannan to lie 7 miles E. by N. 1/4 N. from the S.E. Bourke lake. The sandbank is situated near the south-western end of a reef 4 miles long and 2 to 2 1/2 wide, lying N.E. and S.W. A series of reefs extend hence some 8 miles in the direction of Canoe Bay, until the Darnley Island Channel is reached.”

The case of Whittle and Linstead, trustees in the estate of the late A. Heard & Co., against Benoche, Souchay & Co., came on again to-day, before Sir John Smale and Mr Justice Snowden, in Chambers. The hearing was a public one, but it was in Chambers because the internal arrangements of the Court room are being altered.

The object of the hearing was to have certain legal points which their Lordships were in doubt of, cleared up. After hearing Counsel on both sides, the Court rose to consider its judgment, which may not be delivered for some days yet to come. Mr Hayliar, Q.C., instructed by Messrs Caldwell and Brereton, appeared for the plaintiff, and the Attorney General, the Hon. J. Bramston, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson, for the defendants. The argument was of a purely technical nature.

FURTHER particulars in reference to the burning of the Chinese steamer *Houwang* have been received from the head office of the Company at Shanghai by the local agent. The origin of the fire is not known, but the flames are supposed to have proceeded from the hold. The cargo consisted chiefly of Shanghai Rice. The steamer was lying at the wharf at the time of the accident, and was to have left the next morning at daylight with a full cargo for Swatow, on her first trip after the Chinese New Year. The *Houwang* was one of the best steamers owned by the C. M. S. N. Company, being the swiftest and at the same time most economical in the consumption of fuel. She was insured for 100,000 taels, 20,000 taels of which were accepted by the Company itself, and the rest by local offices. The New Marine Insurance Office, which sprung out of the Steamship Company last year, was liable for the goods burnt to the extent of 28,000 taels. This of course has nothing to do with the Steamship Company, which only suffered to the extent of the number of shares it holds in this insurance office. The later telegram received here by the local agent is to the effect that the *Houwang* could be raised for 5,000 taels, and that she could be repaired for 20,000 taels, making in all 25,000 taels. Being only responsible to the extent of one-fifth of her insurance, the Chinese Merchant Steam Navigation Company would lose actually no more than 5,000 taels by this unfortunate accident, besides its own share in the Insurance Company, which is liable to the extent of 28,000 taels. A further telegram has since been received stating that the *Houwang* has been raised, and that she has been docked to-day. The cost of repairs will not exceed the estimate, viz. 20,000 taels.

Saigon,  
1st February, 1876.

The New Year's chin-chioning is now about over, but our native friends still seem under the influence either of mazhab or religious fervor, and business remains dull as ditch water. Admiral Duperré went home yesterday per *Amazone*, and in the meantime the General will rule in his stead.

The last accusation here was the committal of a leading Lawyer to 12 years' hard labor, for forgery and swindling on a huge scale; he had been making about \$6 or \$8,000 per annum, and with the help of an extravagant wife and a host of friends (?) spent \$25,000.

We shortly expect steamers sufficient to convey 400,000 piculs of grain to your port. People are “going in” nearly in the way of shooting for four or six consecutive voyages; this kind of thing promises the following result, viz., con-

tinued low freights and advanced Rice prices. In the face of heavy arrivals of tonnage, our Rice Market hasn't a chance to drop. Java still requires a share of our staple, but all the pickings in this trade now fall to Chinese. Europeans continue to do the needful in procuring tonnage, effecting insurance and affording banking facilities for the poor heathen Chinese. It's a disgrace for Java. Merchants to overlook European Houses here of tried standing, and to give their business to Chinese, who will “sell” them sooner or later.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)

7th February, 1876.

#### A RESTRICTION OF PROCESSIONS.

The Master of the Man Hing pawnshop appeared, in answer to a notice of hearing, to show cause why some articles of wearing apparel belonging to Ng Yuet Shan, head servant to the Hon. the Attorney General, should not be returned to the owner, the same having been stolen from him. The complainant stated that, on the 30th Jan. last, he missed two jackets from his room, while \$9 were also missed by his master from a dressing case. The house-people absconded at the time, and it was suspected that he had stolen the things. A report was made to the Police, and a search was made at the pawnbroker's. One of the missing jackets was found in pawn in the defendant's shop. The pawnbroker stated that the article in question was brought to the shop for pledge by one man whom he had known before, and he advanced \$5 on it. He could not find that man now, though he had his address. Mr May ordered the pawnbroker to give up the jacket to the owner upon the actual payment of the sum advanced.

#### DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

Chin Atal, a boatman, was fined \$5 for creating a disturbance in the Harbour, and making use of obscene language.

#### DRUNKENNESS.

The following charges of drunkenness were decided to-day:—

John Mole, seaman on board the American ship *Charter Oak*, was fined 50 cents.

Chun Aso, a sailor, was fined \$1, for being drunk and incapable in the street. He cut his face in the fall.

Sarresman Samuel F. & O. Sunda, was fined \$1. He was chasing street hawkers.

Carl Krejci, seaman on board the ship *Samuel G. Reed*, was fined \$1. He was lying in a very dangerous position near the Harbour Master's Office.

John Morris, boatswain on board the steamer *McGregor*, was fined \$1.

#### LAWBRY.

Constable George Kerr charged Ho A wing, a servant on board the steamer *White Cloud*, with stealing on the 25th January three gold rings from the cabin of the Chief Engineer of the steamer *White Cloud*, while the ship lay in Macao. The rings belonged to a Chinese woman named A Kam. On the person of the prisoner one pawn ticket was found, and another was handed him by the prisoner's brother. Remanded till the 8th instant.

#### HOUSE ROBBERY.

Li Akin, a servant to Mr H. Moore, Society-keeper at the Union Insurance Society, was charged on the 3rd inst. with stealing a number of articles of jewellery from a wardrobe.

The complainant then deposited that on the night of the 2nd a ring was missed from the wardrobe, which had been continually locked up, the key whereof was kept by Mrs Moore.

There were other things in the wardrobe that had not been used but had been stolen, viz., 3 gold studs and one gold locket. The defendant was his servant, and had been in his employ for about two months, but was not registered. He was the only servant in the house. When the case was brought up again to-day, Constable Dickinson, No. 2, stated that he found in the Yee Wo pawn-shop three gold studs, which Mr Moore recognized as his. The case was further remanded till the 9th.

#### A CAREFUL PAWNBROKER.

Mui Ayow, a shop cooile, was charged under the following circumstances: Ng Aft, accountant at the Olio Shing pawnshop, Bonham Strand West, stated that about 4.30 p.m. on the 6th, the defendant came to the pawnshop and offered a gold watch and chain in pledge. Seeing that it was a valuable watch and bore an inscription in English, he questioned him about it. Thereupon the defendant said, “What is the use of asking so many questions, and snatched the watch from his hands. Witness then gave him in charge.

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We are informed that the United States man-of-war *Monocacy* is likely to stay at Ningpo for another month.

We hear from a correspondent of the

Chinese forces collected at Manwein, with a view to exterminate potential British troops.

The U. S. S. frigate *Tennessee* anchored in the river from Nagasaki on Jan. 22, *Ly-moon*, 10,000 piculs; 23, *Ly-moon*, 10,000 piculs; 24, *City of Exeter*, 20,000 piculs; 24, *Nemus*, 22,000 piculs; 25, *Ocean*, 26,000 piculs.

A fire occurred on Saturday morning in one of the houses known as Jardine's Bazaar, but was speedily got under by the neighbours, with buckets of water. The fire originated in the cook-house, where there was a quantity of matsbags stored. Jardine's engine was got into position, but luckily was not required.

A small schooner named the *Bonita*, of only 46 tons register and but 52 feet in length, commanded by Mr J. A. Mitchell, master of the late brig *Georgina*, has arrived in the river from Nagasaki, laden with coal; and is now offered for sale. She experienced rather heavy weather during her passage, but proved a good sea boat.

The Chinese have been doubly compensated for the bad weather which prevented their usual visiting excursions on New Year's day, by their belief that show at New Year time means a good rice crop and general good luck during the coming season, and by the subsequent bright weather which has enabled them to pay all their due visits in comfort. The past season is believed to have been generally a bad one for them, though there have been few failures. But

they start on a new departure much more hopefully, and that hopefulness will help to supply the energy necessary to success.

#### (Courier and Gazette.)

This afternoon the ceremony of formally commencing the tramroad to Woosung took place, and the first pile of the first bridge was driven in by Mrs. Morrison in the presence of a few spectators. Although this is the formal commencement the work has been in active progress for some weeks, and from two to three miles of the road have already been laid with a line of light rails. It will probably not be many months before the whole is accomplished; so we may look forward to a trip to Woosung by rail next summer as an agreeable change of air. It is nearly four years ago since this road was projected and a concession obtained from the late Tao-tai. Various difficulties have retarded its progress; but the shareholders and general agents have apparently wisely resolved to act *fercina* late, and to lay down a road the economical construction of which will admit of a profitable result upon working the local traffic, and therefore offer encouragement to home capitalists when the time comes for the introduction of railroads into China upon a large scale.

The steamers *Braemar Castle* and *Cawdor Castle*, which have been lying in port for two to three months, owing to the absence of remunerative employment, have accepted charters from Saigon to Hongkong at 18 dollar cents per picul for Rice, with 14 lay-days. The rate has since receded to 10 cents per picul according to telegraphic advices.

Very severe monetary pressure was experienced during the recent Chinese setting, and unusual measures were resorted to in order to relieve it. The Tao-tai of Shanghai was applied to for assistance, but declined to give any without securities. Upon the banks depositing dollars in his treasury however, he consented to lend out his store of Syces. A steam launch, native owned, was sent to obtain assistance from the Fung-tai of Soochow, who advanced to one concern Tls. 180,000, of which Tls. 60,000

consisted of Shantung drafts.

We very much regret to learn the pre-

mature decease of our esteemed contempo-

rary the Commonwealth, after the issue of

only five numbers.

It is always a pity to lose a worthy enterprise, and the very liberal spirit and frank manliness which characterised the Commonwealth during its short career gave it a claim to a better fate. There is no doubt, too, that the idea of the promoters was a good one.

A local periodical which should take the

form of a review rather than that of a journal, and the contributors of which would have more time and leisure for the elaboration of their remarks than fall to

the lot of a daily writer, ought to receive support in Shanghai; but unfortunately

every attempt to establish such a paper

has proved a failure hitherto. The *Cycle*

was probably the most admirably conducted and ably-written publication ever issued in

China; and had it not been for its unwholesome politics might have continued unto

this day. When such an endeavour failed, therefore, it is no disgrace for a less pretentious effort to have collapsed. The truth is that the appreciation of literary

and political merit will be more easily

granted to a paper which has been well

written than to one which has been well

written and well edited.

It is a pity that the usual amount of high

way robbery prevails in the interior. It is

reported that twenty highwaymen confined

in a jail at Pan-ting in escaped a few days

since, which threw a large circle of officials

into a state of mind, the Provincial Judge

offering a reward of five hundred taos for

each one recaptured, which resulted in the

apprehension of twelve of them, who were

immediately decapitated to prevent further

mischievous.

The hydro-headed public, thirsty for ex-

citement, will regret to learn that there is

reason to fear that the Peruvian matter is

very nearly disposed of for the present.

It may be remembered that when the ratification of the Treaty was apparently about to

take place in July last, a serious difficulty

occurred, owing to the fact that the Peruvian

Minister had omitted to bring the Chinese

text of the Treaty with him. For a time

no way out of this dilemma was visible, as

the Chinese authorities insisted on its pro-

duction. On the 7th of August, however,

when the Treaty was finally signed, a proto-

col was agreed to, stipulating that the English

and Spanish consuls should be surrendered

to the Chinese Government, on or before

the 16th April, 1876, by which date the Chinese

copy of the part of the Peruvian Govern-

ment should be forthcoming. To meet this

emergency Mr. Benavides was hurried off

in the hottest of weather in time to catch

a steamer to Peru and return before

navigation closed. Whether this plan may

be at the present time not certain, but the

Chinese Treaty made it easy for the car-

pet of a commercial passenger on the *Appia*,

and we trust we see now the beginning of

the end of this long drawn out affair.

The usual festivities occurred on the 20th

anniversary known as Christmas Day. According to the almanac we are near to the

end of the present year of grace.

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